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MUDD: Welcome to Meet the Press, Sen. Moynihan, Sen. Lugar. SEN. RICHARD LUGAR
(R-Ind.): Thank you.

MUDD: The other day when President Reagan spoke about the story we just watched, he left hanging whether the Iranian government was, in fact, in collaboration with the Shiite terrorists. Do you think the Iranian government is in collaboration with the terrorists? LUGAR: I think it's advisable not to make a comment on that at this moment. It seems to me the president's statement was a good one and ought to stand, really, until this situation is cleared up.

MUDD: Does that mean you don't know whether there's collaboration or not? LUGAR: I think we have, at least, some indications from our own intelligence sources, but I, I, I'll just repeat I think it's inadvisable to discuss that at this particular moment.

MUDD: How 'bout you, Sen. Moynihan? SEN. PATRICK MOYNIHAN (D-N.Y.): Well, Roger, there is one authority in Tehran that could do anything to save the lives of the remaining passengers on board, including our two Americans, that is the government of Iran. This is no time to be critical of them, a time to hope they will understand their international responsibility and of their national interests.

MUDD: What can we do about it, Senator? MOYNIHAN: What can you do? I'm just going off, as you said, my eight years on the Intelligence Committee, and we need to put a lot more resources into the question of terrorism. We have, we're such an old country, we only think of relations between states, between governments, and we have to learn this new element of international force and power, which has nothing to do with governments and states. Long ago, we made a decision with the Soviets, and, and, and Dick, Mr. Chairman, is on the committee too and is going off. We decided that human intelligence wouldn't work. You couldn't send people into the Soviet Union, have them take photographs and get out. So we went to the U-2s, then the satellites, technical means. Human intelligence faded away. Don't you think that in this regard? (to Lugar) We gotta get back into it. We have to know who are those people in Kuwait in jail. We don't know. We have a little bit. Some are Iraqi Shiites, some are no nam, no nationality. We have not found out. We should have, what were our people doing on a Kuwaiti airliner? What were they doing landing in Dubai in security situations which obviously allowed these people to get on board? It's gonna take a lot of people. We probably won't have a great many results, but when you see those photographs, would we dare not try?

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